



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5285

February Session, 2000

An Act Concerning The Commission On Human Rights And Opportunities.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 46a-52 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 (a) The commission shall consist of nine persons. On and after the
4 effective date of this act, such persons shall be appointed with the
5 advice and consent of both houses of the General Assembly. (1) On or
6 before July 15, 1990, the Governor shall appoint five members of the
7 commission, three of whom shall serve for terms of five years and two
8 of whom shall serve for terms of three years. Upon the expiration of
9 such terms, and thereafter, the Governor shall appoint either two or
10 three members, as appropriate, to serve for terms of five years. On or
11 before July 14, 1990, the president pro tempore of the Senate, the
12 minority leader of the Senate, the speaker of the House of
13 Representatives and the minority leader of the House of
14 Representatives shall each appoint one member to serve for a term of
15 three years. Upon the expiration of such terms, and thereafter,
16 members so appointed shall serve for terms of three years. (2) If any
17 vacancy occurs, the appointing authority making the initial
18 appointment shall appoint a person to serve for the remainder of the
19 unexpired term. The Governor shall select one of the members of the
20 commission to serve as chairperson for a term of one year. The

21 commission shall meet at least once during each two-month period
22 and at such other times as the chairperson deems necessary. Special
23 meetings shall be held on the request of a majority of the members of
24 the commission after notice in accordance with the provisions of
25 section 1-225.

26 Sec. 2. Subsection (d) of section 46a-57 of the general statutes is
27 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

28 (d) On or after October 1, 1998, the executive director shall designate
29 one human rights referee to serve as chief human rights referee for a
30 term of one year. The Chief Human Rights Referee shall supervise and
31 assign the human rights referees to conduct hearings on complaints,
32 including complaints for which a trial on the merits has not
33 commenced prior to October 1, 1998, on a rotating basis. The
34 commission, in consultation with the Chief Human Rights Referee,
35 shall develop regulations and rules of practice in accordance with
36 chapter 54 to ensure consistent procedures governing contested case
37 proceedings.

PRI Committee Vote: Yea 12 Nay 0 JFS C/R JUD

JUD Committee Vote: Yea 40 Nay 0 JF

LM Committee Vote: Yea 15 Nay 0 JF